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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Peter William Dettmar, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/520672  
Filed: 10.Jan.2005  
Examiner: Michele FLOOD  
Art Group: 1655  
Title: IMPROVED BULKING AGENT COMPOSITION

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

22 May 2007

Dear Sir;

**RESPONSE**

This paper is responsive to the "Election/Restriction" requirement in the paper dated 10.April.2007.

This paper includes a *Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time* in order to permit for the timely entry of this response.

This response is being filed with TRAVERSE of the Examiner's requirement. The applicant points out that this application is an application filed under 35 USC 371 and is based on PCT/GB2003/03040. In the international phase of the application, no objection was raised as to the lack of unity of the claimed invention. It is thus believed that the

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Examiner's current requirement as to election of species is improper. Nonetheless, in order to ensure completeness in this response the applicant elects the following:

Responsive to the Examiner's request for an election of species represented in claim 6, the applicant elects "polyoxyethylene-based" surfactants. The applicant provisionally also next elects "polyoxyethylene-based" surfactant, and finally elects "polypropylene-based" surfactants.

Responsive to the Examiner's request for an election of species represented in claims 16 – 20, the applicant elects the subject matter of claim 19, viz, wherein polyvinyl pyrrolidone is absent. The applicant provisionally also next elects the subject matter of claim 17, wherein isopropyl alcohol is absent, and next the applicant also provisionally elects the subject matter of claim 18 wherein a granulating agent is absent, and finally the applicant also provisionally elects the subject matter of claim 16 wherein solvents are absent.

The applicant provides the foregoing, sequential election of species in order of decreasing preference in order to facilitate the Examiner's search of the prior art. The applicant asks that if no relevant prior art is found relevant to the first species from claim 6 and the first species of claims 16 – 20, that the Examiner continue her search in the next indicated provisionally elected species in each set of claims.

Should the Examiner in charge of this application believe that communication with the undersigned will favorably advance the prosecution of this application, they are invited to contact the undersigned at their convenience.

Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time

The applicants respectfully Petition for a one-month extension of time in order to permit for the timely entry of this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263 with respect to this Petition.

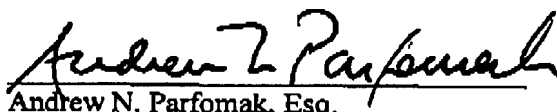
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Conditional Authorization for Fees

Should any further fee be required by the Commissioner in order to permit the timely entry of this paper, including any necessary extension of time petition and fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully Submitted;

  
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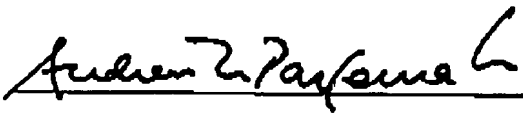
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